Social Media Sites

Pros and Cons

I think that all students whether at K-6, middle grades, or secondary ages should be weary of any social media sites that they use. I don’t even think in the K-6 age that they should be on social media sites at all, and limited usage in the middle grade ages. In the secondary grades, they should be careful as well with what they do on social media sites. In this table I am going to focus on middle grade students using these social media sites.

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| Social Media Site | Pro | Con |
| Facebook | Students can connect easily with friends, family, or classmates. | Opens the door for predators to contact them. |
| YouTube | Students can watch educational videos. | Students are able to watch videos that parents may not allow or want them to watch. |
| Twitter | Students can post mini messages and keep up with friends and family. | Predators can have easy access to the students. |
| Kiwibox | Students can use this teen site to get fashion tips, advice, and chat. | They can open themselves to be chatted with by a stranger posing as a teenager. |
| Tumblr | Students can blog about different ideas that they have. | Inappropriate blogs might be easily available for them to read. |
| Pinterest | Students can get ideas to an infinite number of projects. | Content that parents might not want their child to see may be easily available to them. |
| Snapchat | Students can post mini videos of themselves for friends and family to see. | Strangers can send videos that are inappropriate. |
| Classmates | A student would probably not use this at all until they are much older and want to find old classmates. | Everyone is not who they say they are on the internet and can pose themselves as someone else. |
| Instagram | Students can post and share pictures that their friends and family can enjoy. | If students post inappropriate pictures, then this can follow them for the rest of their life. |
| Reddit | It’s a discussion site that students can use to discuss things. | Inappropriate language or other content might be used in these discussions that the parents might not want them to see. |
| Stumbleupon | Students can discover unique and interesting things across the web. | There could be content that the parents wouldn’t want the student to see. |
| Skype | Students can easily video chat with friends or family. | They could be tempted to talk to strangers, or strangers could talk to them. |